PORTSMOUTH.

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL

Succint Statement of News Events. Stripped of Much of the Details.

YESTERDAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY RECORDED

Otherwise-Accounts of Events Interesting to Every Render-Toples Discussed on the Streets and in Offices and Homes.

To-morrow will be Christmas Eve. Water street is in a deplorable con-

There were no courts in session yesdays have commenced to

The days have commenced to lengthen.

It began to look more like business last night.

Justice Sykes is still sick at his home, in the county.

The mail train was over an hour late last night.

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The Southern Pines were opened for the season yesterday.

The County Court will adjourn for the term to-morrow.

Justice Niemeyer presided at the Mayor's Court yesterday.

The road leading to the city will be completed in a few days.

The torpedo boat Winslow was towed up to the yard yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Harwood, of Warwick, was in the city yesterday.

The Maynard-MacDecuald company falled to show up last night.

The small boy does not seem to take to the tin horn much this year.

There will be a sunrise meeting at Central church Christmas mernisg.

Guernsey Ried was picked up last night crazy drunk and was locked up.

There was an excursion over the Atlantic and Danville railroad yesterday.

The railroad clerks were allowed one-braif of their pay yesterday for December.

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Mr. Wm. Stroud, editor of the South-Mr. Wm. Stroud, editor of the South-ampion Democrat, was in the city yes-terday.

Three new shipkeepers were put to work yesterday on the torpedo boat Winslow.

The streets are in a dreadful con-dition. Some of them are almost im-passable.

Mr. John C. Niemeyer sold the board

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The market will be kept open all day to-day and to-morrow, but it will not be open on Saturday.

Master Harry Brinkley is at home from the Virginia Military Institute to spend the holidays.

There will be no paper next Sunday on Christmas Day.

The 'meetling at the Friends' church seems to have just taken on new life and started afresh.

The members of the Legislature from this city and county returned home last night for the holidays.

There is an absence of evergreen in front of the stores this year, due, perhaps, to the bad weather.

The rain has made the merchants look blue, especially those who kild in large stocks for Christmas.

One of the Southern Bell telephones was put in the county jail yesterday. They now have both 'phones.

The military will not go to Richmond to the inauguration because there will be no military escort whatever.

Col. E. L. Pelts, who has been visiting in the city, will leave for his home, in Southampton county, to-day.

Miss Naeme Woodan Scull, of Harrellsville, N. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Flythe, in King street.

Charles Rives was sent to the county jail yesterday for ten days for obtaining money under false pretences.

A white man under the influence of liquor fell last night and hurt himself. He was carried to jail to soher off.

Three safe blowers were brought in last night on the Norfolk and Carolina railroad and were taken to Norfolk.

A necro woman caumed Maria Cuffee was fined \$5 yesterday by Justice Niemeyer for disorderly conduct on Bart street.

The members of Central church will have their pound reception to-night at their church for the bonefit of the poor of the church.

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The newsboys from this city are invited to a dinner in Norfolk that will be given the newsboys of that city on Christmas Day.

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Attention is called to the advertisement of W. N. White, in which he says he can help you get your Christmas presents for your boy.

The number of prisoners in the county jail have been greatly reduced; in fact, there are less than was ever known at this season of the year.

In this issue Mr. R. M. Diggs offers for sale his house, in Cottage Place, containing five rooms, city water, etc. For particulars see advertisement.

In this issue Mr. John A. Codd & Bro. advertise spice beef, lamb, mutton, choice roast beef and roast pigs for Christmas. See their advertisement.

Mr. Dickerson, superintendent of the Pertsmouth railway, is much better and was on the street for a short while yesterday. He will soon resume his duties.

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A negro named J. A. Patterson was arrested yesterday and was turned over to the Norfelk authorities, where he is wanted for stealing a silver watch welled at \$20.

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Constable Harry Hall arrested a negro in Smoky Town yesterday named Rodger Rider, on the charge of drawing a revolver and threatening to kill another negro. He was lodged in fall to await an examination.

A number of small boys are in the habit of shooting cannons on the street in direct violation of the ordinances. The police have been instructed to arrest all such. So, boys, you had better be careful and not get in trouble.

The Rev. F. H. Martin preached his closing sermon last night of the revival which has been in progress at the South Street Baptist church. Paster Mitchell says that he is well satisfied with the results which have attended the meeting.

The Maynard-MacDonald company.

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The Maynard-MacDonald company gave their last performance last night in this city at Elks' Opera House. It is to be regretted that these people did not receive better support on their sce-

Owing to the heavy pressure of adds greater portion of the Portsmouth local will be found on the 6th page.

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ond visit here. The company is a good one and deserve to prosper.

The Norfolk County School Trustees have decided to buy eight lots on Eim street, in Prentis Place, for the purpose of building a schoolhouse there next spring. The school will continue at the present place, on South street, until the new schoolhouse is pulit.

The flagship New York, with Admiral Sicard on board, arrived yesterday off Fort Monroe, in Hampton Roads. She was preceded by the Indiana and Terror. Admiral Sicard will await the assembling of the North Atlantic squadron in the Roads within a few days.

To-day will be the last day that you can contribute anything to the poor through the Benevolent Christian Union. The ladies will be glad to receive clothing, provisions, toys, books or anything you may see fit to donate.

Two countrymen from North Caronina said yesterday that there was a number of suspicious looking negroes and tramps all along the road, and they believed that but for the fact that a number of them traveled together that they would have been uttacked by these men.

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Attention is called to the advertisement of the Seaboard Air Line, in which they announce that the freight warehouse of that line will be closed on Christmas Day, and that no perishable or live stock will be received after Thursday at 4 p. m., until Monday, the 27th, at 7 a. m.

Mr. R. L. Summers and bride, who have been touring in the West, arrived here from Cincinnal by the Chesapeuke

here from Cincknatt by the Chesapeuke and Ohio road yesterday for the purpose of spending the holidays, after which they go to Boston, Mass., their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Summers are stopping at 525 High street.

THE CHARTER COMMITTEE.

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The above committee held another meeting Tuesday night, but as one of the members said yesterday, did little towards formulating a report, Various matters were discussed, but no conclusions were arrived at.

The matter of changing the mode of electing policemen was buried forever, so far us the committee could do so. The same gentleman said he saw no reason why the Council should meet on the 29th instant to hear the committee's report, as they would have no report to make except to lay the matters discussed, such as the veto power. Fifth Ward proposition and some other few matters, before the Council und let them settle the questican themselves. There are some few changes, he thought, to be recommended, but the bulk of them would never go through.

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A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT. The High School of this city will close to-day with a novel entertainment. They have built a chimney out of box tops, and made them to represent bricks. Out of this chimney old Santa Claus will come with a present for each scholar, which will be hung in a tree, and as the names are called each one is expected to recite a verse of some kind appropriate to the occasion, some of which will afford much amusement. The children anticipate a big time.

For Other Local Sec Sixth Page.

Silver-Trimmed Canes and Umbrellas. Charles R. Welton & Co.

Bonds issued to administrators, guar-dians, collectors, cashiers and others occupying positions of trust; also to respensible contracts JOHN L. WATSON. de19-3m

Napoleon Caps, blue, green and red. Boys Kid shoves, Handkerchiefs and Neckwear Charles R. Welton & Co.

PORTSMOUTH ADV'S. NOTICE

Office of the Porwaring Agent,
Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 23, 1897.

SATURDAY, December 25, being Christmas Day, the freight warehouses of this company, both Norfolk and Portsmouth, will be closed. No perishable freight or Bye stock will be received from 4 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 23, 1897, until 7 a. m. Monday, Dec. 27, 1897; ner will any local declivered up to 12 m., Dec. Which will be delivered up to 12 m., Dec. Which will be delivered up to 12 m., Dec. 1897; ner will say the property of the convenience of

Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Spiced Beef and Roast Pigs for Christmas, at

J. G. CODD & BRO., CITY MARKET. de23-2t

PORTSMOUTH ADV'S.

FOR SALE.—A house in Cottage Place, with 5 rooms, city water, good kitchen, pantry, cic. Apply to R. M. DIGGS, de23-3t \$33 County street.

LADY desires a situation as companion or governess to teach small children or assist in housekceping. Address B. J. Virginian, office, Portsmouth, Va. de21-3t

NOTICE.

No effort has been made at a boom, and real estate is consequently selling at a very low price indeed, compared with prices at other points not having one tenth of its advantages.

Buildings are going up all around, and are readily rented at prices paying from 12 per cent. to 18 per cent. Now is the time to invest, as prices will soon be increased.

Lots sold on easy payments. For prices, terms, etc., enquire of

John L. Watson,

Secretary. Or Real Estate Agents of Portsmouth and Pinner's Point. deli-im

Good Dry Slab Wood ! -AND-

Clean Sheltered Coal

S. P. OAST, Corner Court and Clifford streets,

NOTICE.

Of what I have, DRY SHELTERED PINE WOOD a specialty. The best of HARD WOOD. Also, CLEAN COAL. Phone 918, Yard 1,213 Washington St.

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NEW SHOP! NEW FIRM! New style Cartages, Buggies, Wagons, Carts, etc., manufactured and repaired. Our painting a specialty.

Owens & Parker, COR. SOUTH AND PRENTIS STS.

Christmas Cake !

Plain, Fruit, Citron, Sponge, Jelly and Small Mixed Cakes, 25c. per pound. IEAUTIFUL WEDDING CAKE, 25c. PER POUND. Graham, Rye and Wheat Bread, Rolls and Pastry Fresh every day. Fine Can-dies a specialty.

R. T. MULES, 515 CRAWFORD ST.

Fireworks, Candies, Nuts, Etc

If you want plain or fancy Candies, Nuts, or Fire Works for Christmas, call at H. O. Pearson's Ferry Cenfectionery and you can get them chenper, either wholesale or retail than they can be bought anywhere in the city. He has a ton of nuts which he will dispose of Fire works in endless quantities.

RENTS COLLECTED.

ing to rent houses, thus getting than any tenants.

We also make larger returns than any other agency, and will submit copies of reports for the past fourteen years to prove this assertion.

Place your rent roll where you will get the largest return.

JOHN L. WATSON.



Make the Boys Happy

WE CAN HELP YOU TO DO IT. AIR GUNS, FLOBERT RIFLES, POCKET KNIVES, FOOTBALLS, MAGIC LAN-TERNS, STEAM AND MECHANICAL TOYS, VELOCIPEDES, BICYCLES AND SPORTING GOODS.

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JOS. A. PARKER, 711 Crawford St. BUYS A SOLID IS KARAT GOLD \$16.95 With genuine Elgin or Waltham Movement. LDV 8 WATCH

RUYS A SOLID SILVER BACK BRUSH AND STLVER MOUNTED COMBINA CASE, —These prices for the CASH while they list,——

S. SHERWOOD, 206 HIGH STREET.

PORTSMOUTH ADV'S. PORTSMOUTH ADV'S

SECOND GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

Our enormous stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing at less than manufacturer's cost. Sale begins SATURDAY MORNING, the 18th; closes FRIDAY, the 24th.

MEN'S SUITS

MEN'S SUITS All wool Imported and Domestic Fabrics -Former prices \$11, \$12 and \$15, Sale Price \$10, \$8, \$6

CHILDREN'S SUITS
150 styles, in sizes from 8 to 13, worth
\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00, styles, in sizes from 8 to 13, worth Sale Price \$1.50 and \$2.00.

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OUR LOSS YOUR GAIN.

Developments BOYS' 3-PIECE SUITS Long Pants, Sizes 16, 17, and 18, All colors and grades. Worth from \$6,50 to

Sale Price \$4.50 and \$5.75

All Wool, Good Cassimeres, in Round and Straight Cut. Former price \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00,

Sale Price \$4 and \$5

CHILDREN'S PANTS

All Wool, Reinforced Suits. Former price 50c.,

GENTS FURNISHINGS—Linen Collars, sale price 7c. Linen Cuffs, sale price 10c. 25c. Suspenders, sale price 17c. 56c. Pun Ties, sale price 25c. 25c. Tecks and all New Fall Goods. TACOBS,
200 HIGH STREET.

CHRISTMAS

Useful Gifts for the Holidays-Men's and Boys' Clothing to be Sold at Unheard-of Prices.

fast colors and well made, \$4.98, worth \$10.00.

Men's fine imported Melton Overcoats, cut both short and long, \$7.98, worth \$12.00.

Men's Sterm Ceats, cut extra long and large cellar, \$4.89.

Roys' and Children's Overcoats selling at cost.

Men's blue and black Kersey Overcoats, fast colors and well made, \$4.98, worth \$10.00.

Men's fine imported Melton Overcoats, cut both short and long, \$7.98, worth \$12.00.
Men's Storm Coats, cut extra long and large collar, \$4.90.
Hoys' and Children's Overcoats selling at cost.

A CALL WILL CONVINCE YOU.

ROSENBAUM,

Porstmouth's Largest Clothier.

116 and 118 High Street.

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Fancy Goods ! Manicure Sets,

Comb and Brush Sets,

Glove Boxes, Silver Novelties, Vases, Lamps, Onyx Tables,

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Cail early and get your pick of a New and Fresh Stock.

Anderson & Thompson, 224 HIGH STREET, PORTSWOUTH, VA.



Stove Weather !

Yes, I have STOVES in a big stock for Christmas trade. I find I have too much. I will sell it at about half value. If you want anything, come to me. I have it in stock. Oil, Wood, Cook and Heating Stoves. FURNITURE, every kind. CARPETS, all grades. Onyx Tables, Lamps, Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets, Ladies' Desks, Book Cases. China Cases, Fancy Chairs, Rockers, Couches, Velocipedes, &c.

J. S. CRAWFORD. -221-223 HIGH STREET .-

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This office is prominently located, and exercises the first call from persons desirg to rent houses, thus getting the best got to rent houses, thus getting the best best by the complete. 1898 BABY CARRIAGES just arrived. Come and see the largest stock in the State.

> Christmas Books! SPECIAL SALE FOR THIS WEEK. -ALL BOOKS MARKED DOWN TO LESS THAN HALF PRICE .-EMMETT DEANS, 320 High St.

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

of Holiday buyers is upon us, and if you want the fine delicacles for your table do not put it off until the last moment, as we will be unable to rive you the time and attention that you will desire. We have in stock the finest varieties of Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Citron, Currants, Malaga Grapes, etc., that can be bought. We also call your attention to our Royal Scarlet brand of Canned Goods, which are as fine as can be packed. Your Ximas dinner will not be complete without some of these goods on your table. Don't forget our Vermont Creamery Butter; it's line as can be had.

BOTH PHONES 1550.

C. W. HUDGINS & CO. 802 Crawford Street

Special Sale WHERE TO SAVE MONEY.

All Silk, Satin Duchess, 24 inches wide, at 75 cents the yard, cheap at \$1.00, worth \$1.25. Big bargains in Capes and Cloaks. Feather Boas 50c. to \$8. Dress Goods and Dress Trimmings in great variety at low prices. Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves all going at 69c. the pair, worth \$1. A few more pairs of Portieres to hand at \$3.47, worth \$6.

J. PHILLIPS. 302 HIGH STREET, Under Oxford Hall,

PORTSMOUTH ADV'S.

PORTSMOUTH ADV'S. CHANCE AST THREE DAYS ONLY

And the best, boldest, biggest and most bountiful Clothing Sale that has marked any sale in our business history will have come to a close. Those that come first naturally get the cream of selection. All Clothing, Underwear, White and Colored Shirts, Neckwear, Gloves and Furnishings of all kinds sold at greatly reduced prices.

SALE CLOSES SATURDAY, DEC. 25th.

OTHERS WERE PLEASED, WHY NOT YOU? MEN'S SUITS. MEN'S PANTS.

 \$15.00 Sults, now
 \$12.75

 \$12.99 Suits, now
 9.75

 \$10.00 Suits, now
 7.75

 \$8.00 Suits, now
 6.25
 \$1.50 Pants now..... 980 \$3.00 Pants now \$1.00 Pants now \$5.00 Pants now MEN'S OVERCOATS.

\$15.60 Overcoats, now \$12.76 12.59 Overcoats, now 9.70 10.00 Overcoats, now 7.76 8.00 Overcoats now 6.25 GENTS' FURNISHINGS. \$2,00 Underwear now\$1,50

\$5.00 Suits now \$1.00 Suits now \$2.00 Suits now \$1.50 Suits no

John A. Morris & Co., 303 High Street.

The Late Seasons

CHILDREN'S SUITS.

Finds most manufacturers all over the country driven to desperation by the specials of ready cash. The hard times catch the largest of them with coormous

CLOTHING and FURNISHINGS That must be turned into each at once at any cost or be driven to the wall—that's why we are forcing sales to be able to take advantage of all the rich chances offered us by these striction manufacturers—forcing sales at every point—distributing

the greatest bargains this section ever saw. \$3.25 for choice of Men's Suits or Overconts, in fancy mixed or Black and Blue Cheviots—made in every way equal to the best suits and overconts—regular dealers charge \$5.00.

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as so for choice of finest dress and business Suits and Overcoats known to the ade-every garment finished up to the standard of perfection-so think what a

bargain for \$8.93.
Men's Colored Bosom Shirts, checks, stripes and fancy figures, 48c., worth 75c.
The best fitting White Shirt on earth, linen bosom, all the latest improvements, all style bosoms, open back or front, 75c., worth \$1.25.
Neckwear same as you pay 50c. for, marked 25c.—all new designs in bows, club 4-in-hands or tecks.

Exact copy of the E, & W. 25c. collars, made in all styles, at 10c. MAURICE A. BRANDT 🚾 CO.,

215 High Street,

Quite a Númber

OF PEOPLE

Put off purchasing their winter clothing until just before Christmas. We are offering special inducements from now on until the Holidays. Our regular \$10.00 Suit for \$7.50; our \$12.50 Suit for \$10.00; our \$13.50 Suit for \$10.00; our \$15.00 Suit for \$12.50. The same proportion-\$7.50; an elegant Coat that's fully worth \$12.50 to \$15.00 for \$10.00. We have undoubtedly the best Overcoats in the two cities for \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00. We are showing the prettiest Neckwear for 25c. and 50c. that has ever been brought to this or any other city. We can give you the best Undressed Kid Glove for \$1.00. If you want to purchase a present for your father, brother or swetheart, we can fill the bill.

Breslauer & Anthony,

114 High Street. Holiday Bargains

YORK CLOTHING COMPANY,

214 High Street, Portsmouth, Va.

Overcoats. A special line made up to advertise our make, worth \$6.00 at \$4.00.

Our Special Long Storm King Ulster, with deep collar, worth \$6.00, at \$4.00.

All Wool Kersey Overcouts which others are showing at \$10.00 we sell for \$7.00.

Imported Beavers and Kerseys, silk velter ollars, handsomely trimmed and custom made, worth \$18 at \$14.40.

Very stylish Irish Frieze Ulsters, with astrachan collars and cuffs, worth \$20, at \$14.40.

\$14.40. Boys' Reefers from \$1.48 to \$1.90. Men's Suits.

Men's All Wool Suits, well made, well rimmed and perfect fitting; worth \$5, at iffinned and pericet uting, worth \$5, at \$5.90.

Men's All Wool Cassimere, Chevlots and Worsteds, that others are selling for \$10, at \$7.50.

Men's Finest Black Clay Diagonal Suits, warranted in fit and color; worth \$12, at \$9.50. Better grade, worth \$15, at \$14.40. satin lined.

Men's Imported Suitings in the best quality equal to custom made, that were \$13.50, \$14.50 and \$15.90, now at \$10.90.

Men's All Wool Pants, \$1.48, \$2.48 and \$3.48. You can't duplicate them elsewhere for again as much money. Underwear.

Fine quality Merine, worth 50c., for 30c. Fine quality Balbriggan Ribs, 48c. Dorby Ribbed, all wool, worth \$1, at 75c. Pure famb's wool in blue, gold and natural colors, worth \$1.55, at 86c.

The famous Glastenbury health garment, known throughout the world, worth \$2.00, at \$1.48.

Wilson Bros', famous Denham Ribbed, wilk and wool, was \$3.00, at \$2.45. Heavy weight Canton Flannel Drawers at 48c.

Shirts. Finest quality Madras and Percals
Shirts, made by the famous Manhattan &
Monarch Mfr's, worth \$1.50, at \$1.00; also
a special line at 48c, and 68c.
White Shirts from 48c, to \$1.50 each,
Every requisite for evening and full
dress.

Men's imported Suitings in the best quality equal to custom made, that were \$15.50, \$14.50 and \$15.00, now at \$10.50.

Boys' Suits.

All Wool Long Pants Suits from 16 to 20 years, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$3.50; worth double the money.

Child's Suits.

Child's Reefer Suits that are strictly All Wool, were \$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$1.98.

Sole Agents for Manhattan Shirts.

Bread Eaters, Take Notice !

Do you like good bread? If so, try W. & J. Parker's EUREKA FLOUR. One barrel Eureka Flour free to the person who brings to us the greatest number of empty sacks bearing this brand, on January 1st, 188. Any one using this floor and say that it is not the best flour they have ever used, come to our store and say so, and we will give them a sack free. Ask your greecy for it. For sale by all first class retailers.

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